United States Environmental Protection Agency
Criminal Investigation Division
Investigative Activity Report

Case Number:

1000-M790

Case Title:	**Reporting Office:**
Otis Hotel - Spokane	Seattle, WA, Area Office
Subject of Report:	**Activity Date:**
2018-07-23 Phone Call with (b) (6), ██ of Washington State Department of Labor and Industries	July 23, 2018

Reporting Official and Date:	**Approving Official and Date:**
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) ██	(b) (6), (b) (7) ██
Agent	Special Agent in Charge
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SYNOPSIS

On July 23, 2018, SA (b) (6), ██ received a phone call from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) ██ of the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries regarding a series of interviews completed by investigators of the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries.

DETAILS

On July 23, 2018, SA (b) (6), ██ received a phone call from (b) (6), (b) ██ (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) ██ of the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries regarding a series of interviews completed by investigators of the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries.

Investigators for the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries (WA L&I) have interviewed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) ██ regarding the remodeling activities of the Otis Hotel in Spokane, Washington. (b) (6), ██ is the (b) ██ of the hotel and (b) (6), (b) ██ has been designated as a contractor for the remodel work.

In a rough description of the interviews he would describe the following as being gleaned from the in-person interviews:

(b) (6), (b) ██ INTERVIEW:

The demolition of the Otis Hotel began in July of 2018 and (b) (6), ██ brought in the asbestos company 4 Aces in approximately October of the same year.

(b) (6), ██ has possession of at least two separate asbestos surveys of the Otis Hotel, but has produced neither as requested by WA L&I.

When (b) (6), ██ was confronted with the fact that the asbestos surveys completed were limited surveys, (b) (6), ██ disagreed and explained that was not his understanding of the survey.

He will issue (b) (6), (b) funds through checks of approximately $25,000 without question because he trusts (b) (6), .

He hires experts and trust them to conduct themselves accordingly.

The original cost of the asbestos removal was approximately $100,000 but he found 4 Aces, who contracted the asbestos removal.

(b) (6), (b) (7) INTERVIEW:

(b) (6), was told by (b) (6), to take out everything that was not marked as asbestos.

(b) (6), has no clue as to what asbestos is and did not take many precautions in personal protection equipment.

Whenever he needs money for a project, he asks (b) (6), who then issues him a check for money needed.

He has previously completed lead involved projects in Hood River, Oregon. He has been involved in lead removal and testing in the past.

(b) (6), asked him to test areas in the Otis Hotel for lead contamination, but he did not because he believes the asbestos company 4 Aces was conducting the lead testing as well as asbestos. He never confirmed with 4 Aces that this lead testing was completed.

He would hire between four and six workers to assist him in the demolition of the Otis Hotel.

He did not pay attention to the amount or type of demolition materials which were removed from the Otis Hotel.

*Approximately 105 dumpsters of materials of Otis Hotel debris were removed from the Otis Hotel premises.

(b) later explained that he will be forwarding the transcripts of these interviews for EPA CID to review.